IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A card verification system comprising:

a card in which a card identification code is registered;

a read unit <u>configured to</u> which reads said card identification code from said card; and

a verification apparatus <u>configured to</u> which verif<u>y</u>ies said card only when a place in

which said read unit is located is within an area corresponding to said card identification code.

2. (Currently Amended) The card verification system according to claim 1, wherein

said read unit has a read unit identification code, and notifies said read unit identification code to

said verification apparatus, and

said verification apparatus has a table which shows a correspondence relation between

said read unit identification code and said existing place, and searches and acquires said existing

place corresponding to said notified read unit identification code from said table.

3. (Currently Amended) The card verification system according to claim 2, further

comprising a mobile phone,

said verification apparatus <u>having</u>has another table which shows a correspondence

relation between said card identification code and said mobile phone, and

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said area being~~is~~ coincident with an area for one or more cells to which said mobile

phone belongs.

4.   (Currently Amended) The card verification system according to claim 3, further

comprising a storage unit which stores data showing said area corresponding to said mobile

phone, and

said verification apparatus acquir<u>ing</u>~~es~~ said area data from said storage unit.

5.   (Original)   The card verification system according to claim 4, wherein a user

of said mobile phone deletes said area data from said storage unit by operating said mobile

phone, and

said verification apparatus does not verify said card when said area data is not stored in

said storage unit.

6.   (Original)   The card verification system according to claim 1, wherein said

card is a credit card.

7.   (Currently Amended) A card verification method using a card verification system

which comprises a card <u>in which</u>~~that~~ a card identification code is registered, a read unit which

reads said card identification code from said card, and a verification apparatus which verifies

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said card only when a place in which said read unit is located corresponds to said card

identification code, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

acquiring from said <u>read unit</u>~~card,~~ the place of said read unit which read said card;

acquiring <u>an</u> ~~said~~ area <u>of</u>~~from~~ said ~~card~~<u>recorder</u>;

determining whether or not said place of said read unit is in said area;

when said place of said read unit does not belong to said area, prohibiting settlement.

8.   (Currently Amended) The card verification method according to claim 7, further

comprising ~~the steps of~~:

deleting said ~~recorded~~ area; and

when <u>a second</u> ~~said~~ area <u>of the card</u> is not ~~recorded~~ <u>a recognized area</u> ~~in said recorder~~,

prohibiting the settlement.

9.   (Previously Presented)   A card verification method comprising:

registering an identification code area comprising an area where a card is located and an

identification code of the card;

transmitting over a telecommunication network the identification code area to a

verification module, upon request by the verification module;

reading the card identification code from a card by a read unit; and

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verifying the card only when a location of the read unit corresponds to the identification code area.

10.   (Previously Presented)   A method of claim 9, wherein the identification code area is coincident with an area for one or more cells belonging to a mobile telephone, and wherein a verification apparatus accesses a table that shows a correspondence relation between the card identification code and the mobile telephone.

11.   (Previously Presented)   A card verification system, comprising:

a position registering module configured to register a geographical area and an identification code of a card;

a verification module configured to receive over a telecommunication network the area and the identification code of the card from said position registering module, and further configured to verify the card read by a card reader requesting card verification only if a location of the card reader corresponds to the area of the card.

12.   (Previously Presented)   The card verification system according to claim 11, further comprising a mobile phone, and a table showing a correspondence between the

identification code of the card and said mobile phone, wherein the area of the card is coincident

with an area for one or more cells to which said mobile phone belongs.

13. (Previously Presented)   The card verification system according to claim 11,

wherein the card is a credit card.